

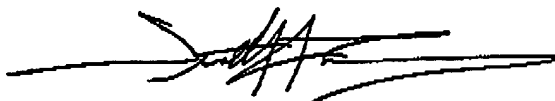
REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2004 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner allowed claims 1-23 and 27-34 and objected to claims 24-26. By way of this Response and Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 23-26. After entry of these amendments, claims 1-34 remain in the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2004.

The Examiner objected to claims 24-26 due to an improper dependency. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the typographical errors of 24-26 to provide the proper dependency to claim 22. In addition, amendments to claims 1, 2, and 23 have been made to correct minor typographical errors. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application as amended is now in condition for allowance and Applicants therefore earnestly requests such allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss the foregoing response and amendment, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060. If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,



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